

Allocation of power from Simhadri Thermal Power Station

2817. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government is considering allocation of power to various Southern States (apart from A.P.) from the Simhadri Thermal Power Station (STPS), located in A.P;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the share of allocation of power to each State;

(c) whether State Government of A.P. has made a request for allocating the entire power generated by Simhadri TPS to the State itself in view of the huge energy shortage; and

(d) if so, whether the proposal of State Government of A.P. is under consideration and if so, at what stage?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) Simhadri TPS Stage-I (1000 MW) of NTPC is a dedicated project for Andhra Pradesh. Therefore, the entire power from this project has been allocated to Andhra Pradesh. Simhadri TPS Stage-II (1000 MW) is likely to be commissioned during Eleventh Plan. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh had taken up the matter regarding allocation of power to the extent of 85% from Stage-II. We had clarified that Stage-II would be a regional plant and allocations would be made to all the Southern Region States.

Gas-fired power units

2818. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will go slow on gas-fired power units; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Many of the gas based projects could not be taken up for implementation due to uncertainty of gas availability and its price during the Tenth Five Year Plan. Even existing plants are not operating on full